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III. REMARKS

As discussed further below, independent claims 1 and 18 are amended to distinguish over the prior art cited in the most recent Office Action.

The amendment does not alter the specification or drawings, and does not present new matter into the application. All amendments and changes are supported by the original specification, claims and drawings.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 5, 8, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campbell (US 4,010,970) in view of Dooley, Jr. (US 6,039,370).

Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9, 12-17, 20 and 21 were allowed in the Office Action. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Response to Claim Rejections

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indication of allowance and allowability of the above-noted claims.

In order to resolve all outstanding matters in this application, and place the application in condition for allowance, independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to specify the integral nature of construction of the holder. Such an arrangement provides certain unique advantages as discussed in the specification, and such an arrangement is not shown or suggested in the prior art of record, and therefore should be allowable, along with claims 5 and 8 depending from claim 1, and claim 19 depending from claim 18.

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Comments to Prior Art

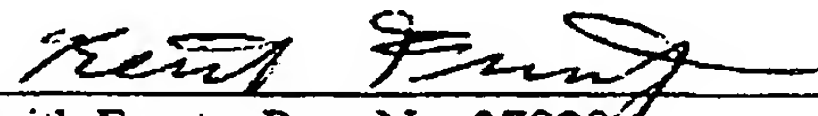
Campbell and Dooley disclose waste collection devices separate cup holders, extension members and/or handles connected together. They do not disclose or suggest the integral construction of the device as now presented in the claims of the present application.

Peko, Jones, Estay, Bau and Kerr are discussed in Applicant's Response to the previous Office Action.

Therefore, Applicant believes that all claims currently pending in the application patentably distinguish over the prior art, are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment, and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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